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Applicant: van Ooij et al. : Paper No.:
Serial No.: 09/356,926 : Group Art Unit: 1775
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For: **SILANE COATINGS FOR METAL**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

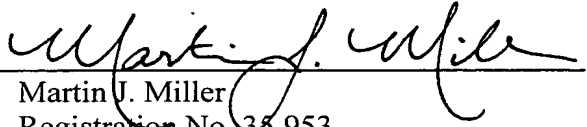
In the Office Action dated March 9, 2001, the Examiner has imposed a three-way restriction requirement, requiring Applicant to elect between claims 1-17 (drawn to a method of treating a metal surface), claims 18-35 (drawn to a treatment solution), and claims 36-38 (drawn to a coated metal substrate).

For the purposes of complying with 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-17 for the purposes of examination at this time.

Applicants also wish to point out that claim 38 is a "product by process" claim. Therefore, if the "linking claim" (claim 1) is allowed, Applicants request that claim 38 be examined for patentability in accordance with MPEP § 809.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-1133. Any questions concerning the foregoing should be directed to the undersigned at 513-977-8565.

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